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and wherein, when said decorative layers are present, the foam core and cover layers are sandwiched between said decorative layers.

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4. (Amended) A sandwich panel as claimed in claim 1, wherein the decorative panel comprises a fiber web, a polymeric film, a laminated foam film or unlaminated foam.

Please add the following new claims:

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7. (New) The sandwich panel as claimed in claim 1, wherein the polypropylene of the particle foam in the core layer is selected from the group consisting of a polypropylene homopolymer, a copolymer of polypropylene and 0.5 to 15% by weight of ethene, a copolymer of polypropylene and 0.5 to 15% by weight of 1-butene, and a copolymer of polypropylene and from 0.5 to 15% by weight of ethene and 1-butene.

8. (New) The sandwich panel as claimed in claim 1, wherein the polypropylene of the particle foam of the core layer has a crystallite melting point in the range of 120° to 170°C.

9. (New) The sandwich panel as claimed in claim 1, wherein the polypropylene particle foam in the core layer has a particle size ranging from 2 to 8 mm.

10. (New) The sandwich panel as claimed in claim 1, wherein the polypropylene particle foam has a bulk density ranging from 10 to 100 g/l.

11. (New) The sandwich panel as claimed in claim 1, wherein the polypropylene in the cover layers is selected from the group consisting of a polypropylene homopolymer, a graft copolymer of polypropylene and maleic anhydride, a graft copolymer of polypropylene and acrylic acid, a copolymer of polypropylene and maleic anhydride, and a copolymer of polypropylene and acrylic acid.

12. (New) The sandwich panel as claimed in claim 1, wherein the decorative layers comprise a fiber web, wherein said fiber web comprises at least one selected from the group

consisting of polyester, polyamide, polymeric film, a foam film, and a foam film laminated with a film.

13. (New) The sandwich panel as claimed in claim 1, wherein the core layer comprises from 1 to 20% by weight of said recyclate particles.

14. (New) The sandwich panel as claimed in claim 1, wherein the core layer comprises from 2 to 10% by weight of said recyclate particles.

15. (New) The sandwich panel as claimed in claim 1, wherein the recyclate particles have an average particle size of 5 to 10 mm.

16. (New) The sandwich panel as claimed in claim 1, wherein the recyclate particles have an average particle size of 6 to 8 mm.

17. (New) The sandwich panel as claimed in claim 1, wherein the core layer is 3 to 20 mm thick.

18. (New) The sandwich panel as claimed in claim 1, wherein each of the cover layers is 0.5 to 2 mm thick.

19. (New) The sandwich panel as claimed in claim 1, wherein the decorative layers are 1 to 5 mm thick.

20. (New) The sandwich panel as claimed in claim 1, wherein the decorative layers are 1 to 3 mm thick.

21. (New) The sandwich panel as claimed in claim 1, wherein the core layer is obtained by welding 1 to 20% by weight of the recyclate particles having an average particle size of from 5 to 10 mm with 80 to 99% by weight of polypropylene foam particles.

22. (New) The sandwich panel as claimed in claim 1, wherein the core layer is 3 to 20 mm thick and each of the cover layers is 0.5 to 2 mm thick.

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23. (New) The sandwich panel as claimed in claim 1, wherein the decorative layers each comprise a fiber web or a foam film from 1 to 5 mm thick.

24. (New) The sandwich panel as claimed in claim 1, wherein the decorative layers each comprise a fiber web or a foam film from 1 to 3 mm thick.

25. (New) A motor vehicle part selected from the group consisting of trunk floor, parcel shelf and side door trim, comprising the sandwich panel as claimed in claim 1.

BASIS FOR THE AMENDMENTS

The claims have been amended for clarity and to overcome the formal rejections as appropriate. Support for the amendments is found in the claims as originally filed. See also the specification at, e.g., page 2, lines 22-29.

New Claims 7-25 have been added, and these are drawn to narrower and more preferred embodiments of the invention.

Claim 7 finds support at page 1, lines 30-33.

Claim 8 finds support at page 1, lines 33-34.

Claims 9 and 10 find support at page 1, lines 36-38.

Claim 11 finds support at page 1, lines 40-41.

Claim 12 finds support at page 2, lines 1-3.

Claims 13 and 14 find support at page 2, lines 5-6.

Claims 15 and 16 find support at page 2, lines 15-16.

Claims 17-20 find support at page 2, lines 31-35.

Claim 21 finds support at claim 5 as originally filed and page 2, lines 15-20.

Claims 22-24 finds support at page 2, lines 31-35.

Claim 25 finds support at page 2, lines 41-43.